Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the Claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A method for providing a dynamic media distribution infrastructure in order to distribute media content, ~~wherein~~ said method comprising ~~the steps of~~:

performing a registration process with a directory device, said registration process comprises a first client device specifying media content to download and which device is allowed to or restricted from copying said media content once downloaded to said first client device;

[[(a)]] coupling said [[a]] first client device to a media supplier ~~communicating with a directory device in order~~ to receive ~~encrypted~~ said media content ~~from a media supplier~~;

[[(b)]] downloading ~~said first client device receiving~~ said ~~encrypted~~ media content in an encrypted format from said media supplier to said first client device;

[[(c)]] downloading to said first client device ~~receiving~~ an encryption key capable of decrypting said ~~encrypted~~ media content;

[[(d)]] downloading ~~a second client device receiving~~ said ~~encrypted~~ media content from said first client device to a second client device; and

[[(e)]] downloading to said second client device ~~receiving~~ said encryption key ~~capable of decrypting said encrypted media content~~.

2. (currently amended) The method ~~for providing a dynamic media distribution infrastructure in order to distribute media content~~ as described in Claim 1 further comprising ~~the step of~~:

[[(f)]] <u>coupling</u> said second client device ~~communicating with~~ <u>to</u> said directory device ~~in order to receive said encrypted media content from said first client device~~.

3. (currently amended) The method ~~for providing a dynamic media distribution infrastructure in order to distribute media content~~ as described in Claim 1 further comprising ~~the step of~~:

[[(f)]] <u>coupling</u> said second client device ~~communicating with~~ <u>to</u> said first client device ~~in order to receive said encrypted media content from said first client device~~.

4. (currently amended) The method ~~for providing a dynamic media distribution infrastructure in order to distribute media content~~ as described in Claim 1 wherein ~~said step (c) comprises the step of:~~

~~said first client device receiving said encryption key capable of decrypting said encrypted media content, wherein~~ said first client device receives said encryption key from said media supplier.

5. (currently amended) The method ~~for providing a dynamic media distribution infrastructure in order to distribute media content~~ as described in Claim 1 wherein ~~said step (c) comprises the step of:~~

~~said first client device receiving said encryption key capable of decrypting said encrypted media content, wherein~~ said first client device receives said encryption key from said directory device.

6. (currently amended) The method ~~for providing a dynamic media distribution infrastructure in order to distribute media content~~ as described in Claim 1 wherein ~~said step (e) comprises the step of:~~

~~said second client device receiving said encryption key capable of decrypting said encrypted media content, wherein~~ said second client device receives said encryption key from said first client device.

7. (currently amended) The method ~~for providing a dynamic media distribution infrastructure in order to distribute media content~~ as described in Claim 1 wherein ~~said step (e) comprises the step of:~~

~~said second client device receiving said encryption key capable of decrypting said encrypted media content, wherein~~ said second client device receives said encryption key from said directory device.

8. (currently amended) The method ~~for providing a dynamic media distribution infrastructure in order to distribute media content~~ as described in Claim 1 wherein ~~said step (b) comprises the step of:~~

~~said first client device receiving said encrypted media content from said media~~ ~~supplier, wherein~~ said encrypted media content is video, audio, graphics, software, or information.

9. (currently amended) The method ~~for providing a dynamic media distribution infrastructure in order to distribute media content~~ as described in Claim 1 wherein ~~said step (b) comprises the step of:~~

~~said first client device receiving said encrypted media content from said media~~ ~~supplier, wherein~~ said media supplier comprises a computer.

10. (currently amended) The method ~~for providing a dynamic media distribution infrastructure in order to distribute media content~~ as described in Claim 1 wherein ~~said step (b) comprises the step of:~~

~~said first client device receiving said encrypted media content from said media~~ ~~supplier, wherein~~ said media supplier comprises a third client device.

11. (currently amended) The method ~~for providing a dynamic media distribution infrastructure in order to distribute media content~~ as described in Claim 1 wherein ~~said step (b) comprises the step of:~~

~~said first client device receiving said encrypted media content from said media~~ ~~supplier, wherein~~ said first client device is a computer, set-top-box, or digital recording/play back device.

12. (currently amended) The method ~~for providing a dynamic media distribution infrastructure in order to distribute media content~~ as described in Claim 1 wherein ~~said step (d) comprises the step of:~~

~~said second client device receiving said encrypted media content from said first client device, wherein~~ said second client device is a computer, set-top-box, or digital recording/play back device.

13. (currently amended) A method for providing a dynamic media distribution infrastructure in order to distribute media content, said method comprising ~~the steps of~~:

~~(a) a first client device communicating with a directory device in order to receive media content that is encrypted from a media supplier;~~

~~(b) said first client device receiving said media content that is encrypted from said media supplier;~~

~~(c) said first client device receiving a first encryption key capable of decrypting said media content that is encrypted;~~

~~(d) a second client device receiving said media content that is encrypted from said first client device; and~~

~~(e) said second client device receiving a second encryption key capable of decrypting said encrypted media content.~~

coupling said first client device to a directory device to specify media content to download;

supplying to said first client device a list of media suppliers for providing said media content;

downloading to said first client device said media content in an encrypted

format from a media supplier chosen from said list;

downloading to said first client device an encryption key capable of decrypting

said media content;

downloading said media content from said first client device to a second client

device; and

downloading to said second client device said encryption key.

14. (currently amended) The method ~~for providing a dynamic media~~

~~distribution infrastructure in order to distribute media content~~ as described in Claim 13

further comprising ~~the step of~~:

[[(f)]] coupling said second client device ~~communicating with~~ to said directory

device ~~in order to receive said media content that is encrypted from said first client~~

~~device~~.

15. (currently amended) The method ~~for providing a dynamic media~~

~~distribution infrastructure in order to distribute media content~~ as described in Claim 13

further comprising ~~the step of~~:

[[(f)]] coupling said second client device ~~communicating with~~ to said first client

device ~~in order to receive said media content that is encrypted from said first client~~

~~device~~.

16. (currently amended) The method ~~for providing a dynamic media distribution infrastructure in order to distribute media content~~ as described in Claim 13 wherein ~~said step (b) comprises the step of:~~

~~said first client device receiving said first encryption key capable of decrypting said media content that is encrypted, wherein~~ said first client device receives said first encryption key from said media supplier.

17. (currently amended) The method ~~for providing a dynamic media distribution infrastructure in order to distribute media content~~ as described in Claim 13 wherein ~~said step (b) comprises the step of:~~

~~said first client device receiving said first encryption key capable of decrypting said media content that is encrypted, wherein~~ said first client device receives said first encryption key from said directory device.

18. (currently amended) The method ~~for providing a dynamic media distribution infrastructure in order to distribute media content~~ as described in Claim 13 wherein ~~said step (e) comprises the step of:~~

~~said second client device receiving said encryption key capable of decrypting said media content that is encrypted, wherein~~ said second client device receives said second encryption key from said first client device.

19. (currently amended) The method ~~for providing a dynamic media distribution infrastructure in order to distribute media content~~ as described in Claim 13 wherein ~~said step (e) comprises the step of:~~

~~said second client device receiving said encryption key capable of decrypting said media content that is encrypted, wherein~~ said second client device receives said second encryption key from said directory device.

20. (currently amended) The method ~~for providing a dynamic media distribution infrastructure in order to distribute media content~~ as described in Claim 13 wherein ~~said step (b) comprises the step of:~~

~~said first client device receiving said encrypted media content from said media supplier, wherein~~ said encrypted media content is video, audio, graphics, software, or information.

21. (currently amended) The method ~~for providing a dynamic media distribution infrastructure in order to distribute media content~~ as described in Claim 13 wherein ~~said step (b) comprises the step of:~~

~~said first client device receiving said encrypted media content from said media supplier, wherein~~ said media supplier comprises a third client device.

22. (currently amended) The method ~~for providing a dynamic media distribution infrastructure in order to distribute media content~~ as described in Claim 13 wherein ~~said step (b) comprises the step of:~~

~~said first client device receiving said encrypted media content from said media~~

~~supplier, wherein~~ said first client device is a computer, set-top-box, or digital

recording/play back device.

23. (currently amended) The method ~~for providing a dynamic media~~

~~distribution infrastructure in order to distribute media content~~ as described in Claim 13

wherein ~~said step (d) comprises the step of:~~

~~said second client device receiving said media content that is encrypted from~~

~~said first client device, wherein~~ said second client device is a computer, set-top-box, or

digital recording/play back device.

24. (currently amended) A system for providing a dynamic media distribution

infrastructure in order to distribute media content, said system comprising:

a media supplier ~~adapted to transmit~~ <u>for transmitting</u> media content that is

encrypted;

a first client device coupled to said media supplier and ~~adapted to receive~~ <u>for</u>

<u>receiving</u> said media content ~~that is encrypted~~ from said media supplier, said first

client device ~~adapted to receive~~ <u>for receiving</u> a first encryption key ~~adapted to decrypt~~

<u>for decrypting</u> said media content ~~that is encrypted~~;

a directory device ~~adapted to couple~~ <u>for coupling</u> said first client device to said

media supplier <u>and for supplying to said first client device a list of media suppliers that</u>

<u>comprises said media supplier</u>; and

a second client device coupled to said first client device and ~~adapted to receive~~ <u>for receiving</u> said media content ~~that is encrypted~~ from said first client device, said second client device ~~adapted to receive~~ <u>for receiving</u> a second encryption key ~~adapted to decrypt~~ <u>for decrypting</u> said media content ~~that is encrypted~~.

25. (original) The system as described in Claim 24 wherein said media content that is encrypted is video, audio, graphics, software, or information.

26. (original) The system as described in Claim 24 wherein said first client device is a computer, set-top-box, or digital recording/play back device.

27. (original) The system as described in Claim 24 wherein said second client device is a computer, set-top-box, or digital recording/play back device.

28. (original) The system as described in Claim 24 wherein said first client device receives said first encryption key from said media supplier.

29. (original) The system as described in Claim 24 wherein said first client device receives said first encryption key from said directory device.

30. (original) The system as described in Claim 24 wherein said second client device receives said second encryption key from said first client device.

31. (original) The system as described in Claim 24 wherein said second client device receives said second encryption key from said directory device.

32. (original) The system as described in Claim 24 wherein said media supplier comprises a third client device.

33. (currently amended) The system as described in Claim 24 wherein said directory device ~~adapted to coupled~~ <u>for coupling</u> said second client device to said first client device.